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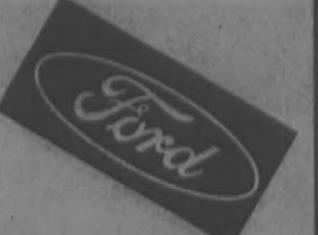
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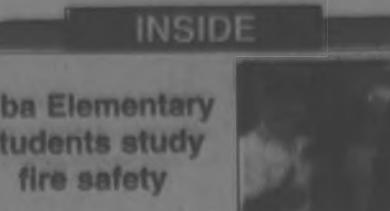
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Groundbreaking for new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory set for Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Elba

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m., the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba, Alabama. Commissioner Ron Sparks and other state and local dignitaries will be on hand for the ceremony. The building will be located immediately behind the existing J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab.

Commissioner Sparks states, "This is a great day for Alabama. With this new state-of-the-art lab we will be able to improve our diagnostic and biodefense security procedures. We will be able to enhance our animal and poultry safety programs for all of South Alabama."

The lab construction will cost approximately \$2.2 million dollars with multi-source funding coming from a state bond issue, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, State Senator Jimmy Holley and the Agriculture Development Authority.

With specific reference to the new state of the art Alkaline Digester, Carcass Disposal System, that is a key component of the lab, Senator Shelby noted, "The purchase of this system will allow Alabama to move into the forefront of agroterrorism prevention and response. Given the concerns that have been expressed about new animal diseases, I feel it was important for Alabama to have such an important tool for the quick disposal of diseased animals so we may prevent a widespread outbreak and protect our agricultural procedures and consumers."

Elba Mayor James Grimes, the Elba City Council, The Elba Industrial Development Board, Elba Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer will all be involved in the official groundbreaking ceremonies.

A number of other state and federal dignitaries have been invited to the event but the VIP list is incomplete at press time.

The lab construction will cost

Brick disagreement takes center stage at regular bimonthly meeting of Coffee County Commission

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The agenda for Monday's regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission seemed routine; however, the meeting was anything but that as a disagreement over brick consumption of the majority of the meeting time.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple requested Joey Bradley, a associate of Waid, McNamara and Parish, be present on the Monday morning meeting to discuss the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center project.

Waid, McNamara and Parish is the architecture firm hired to oversee this project.

"I told you I wanted a brick similar to that of the church," Dalrymple said. "It's a common red brick."

He said he feels this difference in price is an additional charge and does not feel the county should have to pay more for the product.

Bradley said he would simply have to go back and find a brick within the cost allowance but could not assure it would be a red brick.

"I have no problem as long as it is a common red brick," Dalrymple responded. "I don't want it with different colors."

As the conversation continued in this manner for quite some time, Bradley insisted that if he had put in a cost allowance of

\$200 per thousand brick with his bid proposal he would be considered a hero Monday for saving so much money.

Bradley said the Mount Pleasant project is currently about 30 percent complete; however, the holdup on choosing a brick, as well as, a couple other decision matters including shingles could eventually force work to stop if something is not done soon.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook finally offered a motion to go ahead and accept the \$624 upgrade for brick and proceed, but Dalrymple said the job is not being held up because a brick has not been chosen.

Westbrook's motion died from lack of receiving a second.

Bradley completed his remarks by saying he would return to the office Monday and search again for a common red brick within the cost allowance of \$200 per thousand. He said he would submit a letter to the

county.

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It may have been raining Saturday, but that didn't stop the people of Elba from coming to the square for the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival. The festival was part of a three-day event extravaganza to conclude the yearlong celebration of Elba's 150th anniversary. The weekend celebration began Friday, Oct. 10, with a Prayer Breakfast followed by a Business/Merchant Expo on the square. Saturday featured the festival; however, the afternoon parade was cancelled due to the poor weather conditions. The celebration ended Sunday, Oct. 12, with a reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce in the afternoon followed by a community wide church service and the "History of Elba" play in the evening. Elba High School student Brianna Bailey was all smiles at Saturday's festival as she came prepared for any and all weather conditions. On a side note, Brianna also participated in the "History of Elba" play held Sunday evening. Please see the Sesquicentennial Edition of today's paper for more scenes from last weekend and memories of Elba's past 150 years.

Elba City Council amends annual budget adopted during September council meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing fees for citizens requesting copies of city records. The resolution also sets out the procedure for requesting these records from the city clerk. Under the new rules, the first five pages requested will cost \$1.00 each. Additional pages over the first five will be 50¢ each.

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manufacturing facility for the public and which records are confidential.

The council also approved another resolution. This one was a form necessary to move forward with a \$2,500,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bond issue for the new

Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise at 2021 Bell Weevil Circle.

Trained to complete the job preparation program conducted by Alabama Industrial Development Training, which begins Nov. 4, to be considered for training which begins in mid-December. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Applicants selected for training will be notified of the training schedule and location.

Trainees are paid at no cost to trainees. Training completion does not guarantee a job offer and trainees are not obligated to accept an offer.

ADIT training programs are provided at no cost to trainees. Trainees are not paid by their potential new employer while enrolled in the program.

Elba's Animal Control officer George Honmyak last week reported the finding of another rabid animal in the Elba area.

According to Honmyak, a rabid raccoon was found in the area of N. Morrow Street last Monday, Oct. 6, and tested positive for rabies.

This is the second animal to test positive for rabies in Elba during the past month.

Anyone handling animals or dealing with strange behavior is asked to call the Elba Police Dept. at 877-2335.

Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will host its annual College Day program Thursday, Oct. 16, from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m.

Representatives from numerous colleges throughout the state will be on hand to speak with students and distribute valuable information.

Elba High School students are invited to attend the program between 8:30 and 9 a.m. For further information, call 877-2766.

THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the New Baptist Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m.

Activities will continue throughout the day, and

should be fun for the entire family.

There will be no admission charge to attend the event; however, donations will be accepted.

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BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox**CCC**

commission later that day with his findings.

Commissioner Chairman Robert Stephens presented the results of a study done by Commissioners Westbrook and Jim Thompson concerning the purchase of several common products through the bid process.

Bids for these products will be opened at the next commission meeting. Thompson also asked a

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Monday evening during their regular meeting was to transfer \$15,000 from insurance to the fire department. This transfer raised the fire department back to the level of funding they had the year before.

However the department didn't use the entire budgeted amount last year. The Elba volunteer firemen are paid by the number of fires they attend. If the community has a large number of fires during a year, the budgeted amount can be spent or even exceeded. In years such as the one just ended, the number of fires was below average, thus the budgeted funds were not expended.

The recommendation from the commissioners also requested the employee be compensated with a one step raise for taking on the additional duties.

Commissioner Chairman Robert Stephens made the motion to accept the recommendations from Thompson and Westbrook. He received a second from Commissioner Lewis, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not present for the

those who attended the play (and almost filled the auditorium) at the Elba High School Sunday evening got a treat. It is down right exciting to witness such dedication. Both the children of the community who participated as well as the school teachers and other adults who give their time and energy to project deserve our salute. You see, the students researched Elba's history and wrote a play about what they learned. As if that wasn't enough, they then designed a stage set, various realistic costumes, and acted out their play. Some of these facts we knew firsthand; others are considered very factual, but mainly it was accurate. These students will never, ever forget this particular part of their formal education.

There are rumors abounding in Alabama about another special session of the state legislature. This one is being talked of for sometime in early December. Good news tell us it is seriously being considered. Now the rumors take over. While the administration is presently avoiding tax talk for this special session, speculation is cranking up with all sorts of "revenue enhancers." Of course if the governor doesn't include a particular item (or tax) in his official call of the session, it becomes almost impossible to corral the high number of votes necessary to pass something. Therefore taxes will more than likely wait until the regular session, starting in February, 2004, but some sort of additional tax is coming. That you can bet the kitchen sink on and have a safe bet.

All that \$3.5 billion lawsuit money Alabama was getting ready to spend is gone. The Alabama Supreme Court sent the state's case against Exxon Mobile back to the trial court because of technical errors. The new trial gets underway this week in Montgomery. The oil companies probably don't want someone like yours truly on that jury. Somehow we feel strongly that this big oil company was actively stealing (or grossly miscalculating) royalty money from the people of Alabama. So, regardless of the technical errors, "guilty" should be the verdict. The amount of the judgement will take some study and debate. \$3.5 billion sounds like a whole lot of money, but then it may not be enough! "Let the fine fit the crime."

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THURSDAY, OCT. 9 - River stage - 4.39 feet (6:15 a.m.); Three-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 84 E. and Hwy. 87 in front of National Zoning Adjustment. Another

Accident, one intersection with custody, three for domestic violence, one crime, one mischievous and one driving under the influence.

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The Alabama Department of Revenue reminds business owners that October is the annual renewal month for the scrap tire handlers' and state business privilege licenses.

The annual licenses expired September 30 and must be renewed prior to November 1 to avoid penalties and possible fines.

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The council appointed Jackie Windham to the Elba Airport Authority. He was named to replace Jim Driscoll who resigned recently. The term last until 1908 Mayor James Grimes noted that state law doesn't require airport authority members to live in the city limits, just within the county. Windham lives several miles outside the city limits.

Marianne Marler was re-appointed to another three year term on the Elba Board of Zoning Adjustment. Another expiring term has not been filed this time. The term last presently being filled by Doug Martin will see a new face. According to Mayor Grimes, Martin has asked to be replaced on the board and a recommendation will be made to the council in the near future.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reminded council members of a rabid coon a month ago which resulted in several people having to take a series of shots. He added that a rabid coon had been found lately and a crow was found to have West Nile.

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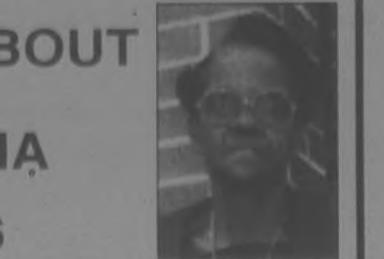
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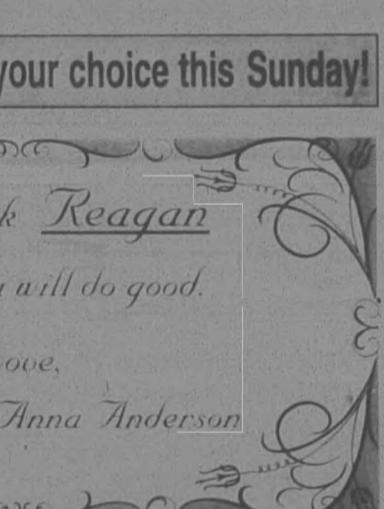
Elba First Assembly to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, October 19

Elba First Assembly of God will observe Homecoming service on Sunday, October 19, 2003. Services will begin at 10 AM with worship, praise, singing and ministering of the Word of God. Featured singer

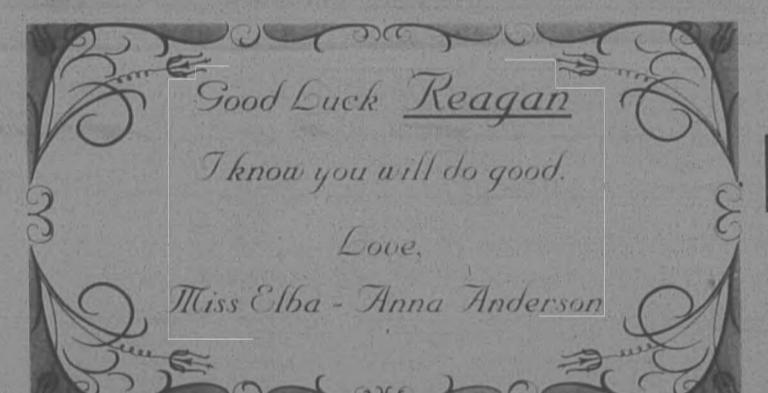


Caldwell-Hobbs-Head-Brooks and Nelson Family Reunion is held

This family Reunion was held at Lake Jackson, Florida, Ala on August 23-24, 2003 with family members from Elba and Opp, and from other states attending this great occasion. On Saturday, August 23rd a cookout was held at the Lake Pavilion. On Sunday, August 24, church services were held at The Faith Deliverance Church, Opp, Alabama. Pastor Roderick Caldwell brought an inspiring message. A program was ren-



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2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. R. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 12:00 noon
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Don Grantham
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Don Grantham
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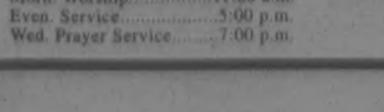
FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
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JACOB'S FAMILY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. Eddie Faith-Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Elba First Assembly to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, October 19

Elba First Assembly of God will observe Homecoming service on Sunday, October 19, 2003. Services will begin at 10 AM with worship, praise, singing and ministering of the Word of God. Featured singer



96th Annual Meeting of the Coffee County Baptist Association planned for October 25

The 96th Annual Meeting of the Coffee County Baptist Association will be October 25 at Westside Baptist Church in Elba. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the meeting will begin at 9 A.M. Dr. J.W. Lee,

A Benefit Singing will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Saturday, October 25

A Benefit Singing is planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church for Glenda Smith on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Harrelson Family will be singing. Hamburger plates with all the

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SPORTS

At South Alabama Speedway Will Mack keeps winning in Roadrunner features

By Mark Chisum

Will Mack is on a roll at South Alabama Speedway. Heading into Saturday night's Twin 20-lap Feature for the Roadrunner class, Mack had seven wins in his last ten starts. In the three starts he didn't win, he finished second twice and third. Mack continued his streak, winning both ends of the doubleheader.

Mack started 15th in both features, but that didn't matter. In the first feature, Mack quickly moved through the pack. By lap six he was in second spot behind Jerry Hudson. Hudson enjoyed a big lead by the time Mack cleared all of the traffic, but the races only caution closed the gap. One lap after the restart, Mack moved inside of Hudson to take the lead. Mack led the remaining 10 laps to take the win. Hudson followed Mack across the line. Ricky Osborn was third, Kim Bishop fourth, and Jimmy Hager fifth.

In the second feature, Mack steadily moved through the pack and used restarts to power by his competition. He moved into third on lap 12 behind John Singletary and Jason Singletary.

He moved past Jason Singletary with just four laps to go and then set his sights on leader John Singletary. On the final lap Mack tried to make his move going into turn one, but a lapped car came into play and Mack had to slam on the brakes. He was able to regain control and powered past Singletary going down the back stretch. John Singletary held on to second, followed by Jason Singletary, Hudson, and Bishop.

In the Super Stock Feature, Jody Henderson scored his sixth feature win of the year. David Ashley finished second, Ken Pettis third, Ron Redmon and Scotty Anderson rounded out the top five.

In the Modified Feature, Kevin Peel came from the sixth starting spot to take home the winner's trophy. Ken Gibson took the early lead while Peel had to make his way through traffic. Peel got a break midway through the 25-lap feature when Jamie Ater and Zach Hammert got together, bringing out the race's only caution. That moved Peel to second place in the running order. Peel had to work to get past Gibson, but on lap 19, Peel, got the run he needed to take the lead. Peel led the rest of the way to take the win over Gibson. Hammert came back to cross the line third, however he was disqualified after refusing to have his engine checked. Hammert's dis moved Ater up to third. Terry Malone was fourth and Darren Blanton fifth.

"It is a super strength for our team when Melanie Mularz can serve seven straight points in one game and then come back and score six straight in the second," stated Coach Amelia Rhodes. "This gives me great satisfaction that we have dedicated and skill at the junior varsity level."

In the second win the Tigers won in straight sets by the scores of 25-10 and 25-16. Anna Petty recorded 15 service points, including 8 ariughts in the set, while Tamara Oliver added 9 service points and Melanie Mularz recorded 5 kills.

"We played two great matches against Zion Chapel and our serving was a major asset," added Coach Rhodes.

Elba Tiger JV claim three wins, up record to 10-2

The Elba Tiger junior varsity volleyball team hosted three matches last week and won all three to push their record for the season to 10-2.

Following are highlights of the three wins:

ELBA JV CLAIMS TWO WINS OVER ZION CHAPEL

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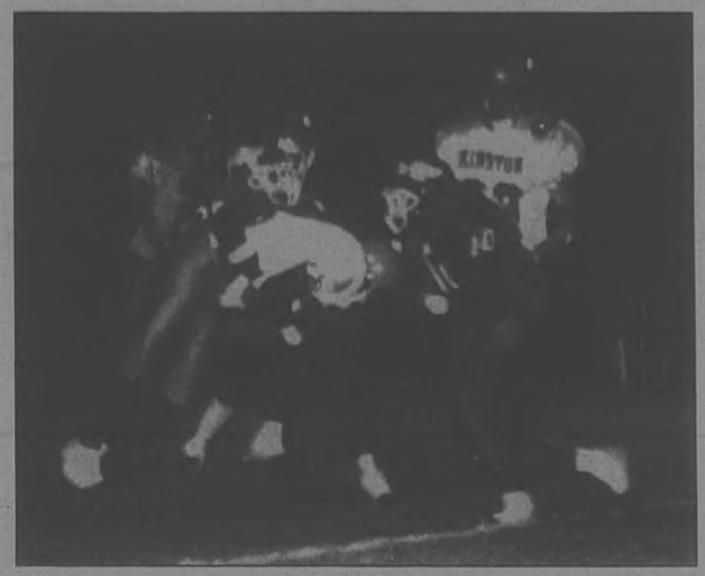
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SPORTS



BRANTLEY'S QUEEN JERRI BRYAN AND HER COURT...reigned over activities last week at Brantley High School and were introduced at the Brantley-Kinston football game on Friday night. Pictured above are (l-r) Clarissa Knighten - Senior Attendant, Queen Jerri Bryan, Destin Kilcrease - Junior Attendant, Casey Free - Freshman Attendant and Kandi Gooden - Sophomore Attendant. Not pictured are Football Sweethearts Kayla Kervin and Clarissa Knighten. Brantley celebrated in style as the Bulldogs posted a big 58-0 win over Kinston to improve their record to 7-0 on the season, 5-0 in region play.

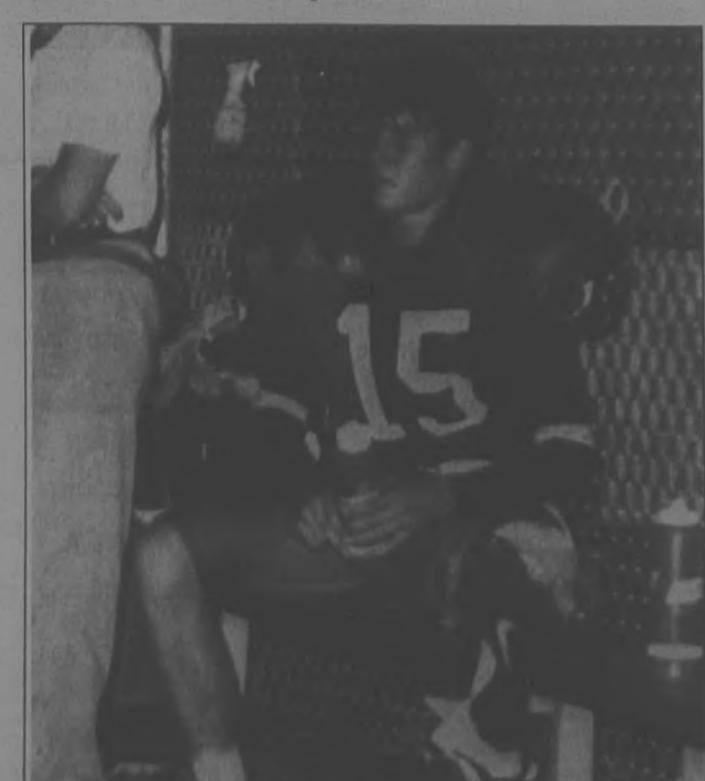
Brantley Bulldog quarterback Edgar Walker (8) heads outside a flattened Kinston defender and turns the corner for a big gain. Walker passed for two touchdowns in last week's big 58-0 homecoming win over Kinston. Also moving downfield to block is Bulldog teammate Andre Tillis (51).



Kinston's Jerome Ball lowers his head as he fights for yardage against the stingy Brantley defense. Ball was held to 22 yards on 19 carries in the Bulldogs' 58-0 loss to Brantley.



Brantley's Jamyal Jones (10) tries to fight past a Kinston defender in last week's big 58-0 homecoming win. This week Brantley will be on the road for a region clash with the Zion Chapel Rebels.



Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey (15) rests on the bench after an injury in the opening half of last week's 58-0 win over Kinston. Spivey and the Bulldogs will head over to Zion Chapel on Friday night to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Celebrates homecoming with big win Brantley Bulldogs clobber Kinston 58-0

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mary Johnson

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their season record to 7-0, 5-0 in region play, on Friday night with an impressive 58-0 homecoming victory over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Brantley got touchdowns from six different players in the win as the Bulldog offense rolled up almost 500 yards.

The first score of the night came on a 15-yard run by Devaris Skanes. The scoring drive capped a two-play, 48-yard drive, and although the extra-point try failed, Brantley was on its way with a 6-0 lead with 9:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston took the ensuing kickoff and moved the chains twice as it crossed midfield, but the drive bogged down after crossing the midfield stripe and on fourth down Jerome Ball boomed a punt that was down at the Brantley 7-yardline.

A short punt by Brantley gave Kinston a chance to get on the scoreboard on its next offensive series, but the Bulldogs from Coffee County came away empty-handed when on fourth down a 42-yard field-goal attempt by Jeremy Driver missed wide left.

Brantley wasted little time getting back on the scoreboard after the missed field-goal as it took only five plays to cover the

80 yards into the endzone. The touchdown came on a 30-yard run by Jamyal Jones with 30 seconds remaining in the opening quarter, and after a two-point conversion failed, Brantley was in command with a 26-0 lead with 3:41 remaining in the quarter.

Pittman got into the lead.

Pittman got into the lead again on Brantley's next possession on a 3-yard touchdown dash around the left end, and when the final horn sounded the party was on in Brantley as the hometown Bulldogs and their fans celebrated the big 58-0 homecoming win.

Devaris Skanes was the game's leading rusher with 136 yards on 10 carries and 2 touchdowns, while Chris Booker added 87 yards on 8 carries and James Pittman added 84 yards on 7 carries and scored 3 touchdowns.

Jerome Ball gained 22 yards on 19 carries for Kinston.

STATISTICS

| B | 21 | 1st Downs | 5 | K |
|---|--------|----------------|-------|---|
| | 35-408 | Rushes-Yds. | 33-20 | |
| | 76 | Passing Yds. | 38 | |
| | 484 | Total Offense | 58 | |
| | 5-11-1 | Passes | 2-8-2 | |
| | 60 | Return Yds. | 117 | |
| | 6-62 | Fumbles Lost | 2 | |
| | 2-20 | Penalties-Yds. | 6-20 | |
| | 1-21 | Punts-Ave. | 6-27 | |

Road games highlights week #8 region battles for area teams, Zion Chapel to celebrate homecoming

The high school football season will enter week #8 Friday night and for the teams in the area it will be a week that includes a number of very important region match-ups.

Following is a preview of this week's schedule:

NEW BROCKTON (4-3) AT G.W. LONG (5-2)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to keep their play-off hopes alive Friday night when they travel to Skipperville to tangle with the G.W. Long Rebels. The Gamecocks saw their region record slip to 2-3 last week with a 32-6 setback to unbeaten Slocomb, and know that a loss this week could put an end to their playoff hopes. Tyler Simmons had another big night for New Brockton and went over the 1,000 yard mark for the season, but four costly turnovers kept the Gamecocks out of the endzone and off the scoreboard. G.W. Long will bring a 3-2 region record into the contest and can wrap up a spot in the post-season party with a win. The Rebels have claimed wins over Dale County 20-0, Samson 13-0, Geneva County 22-8, Zion Chapel 47-27 and Wicksburg 28-0. If New Brockton can cut down on its turnovers it still has a chance. If not, the season will end in just two weeks.

KINSTON (2-4) AT COTTONWOOD (5-2)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to get back on track after last week's 58-0 pounding at the hands of Brantley this week when they head over to Cottonwood to battle the high-powered

Cottonwood Bears. The Bulldogs saw their brief two-game winning streak come to an abrupt end with the big loss at Brantley, and will head to Cottonwood hoping to play the role of spoiler in the region race. The Bears lost their opening two games of the season to Rehobeth and Brantley by the combined score of 70-14, but have won five straight games since and have posted wins over Flora 28-0, Pleasant Home 7-0, Wicksburg 32-0, Houston County 42-12 and Arton 21-14. Two teams heading in opposite directions will meet in this one, and the Bulldogs will be at their best to have any chance of pulling off the upset on the road.

BRANTLEY (7-0) AT ZION CHAPEL (0-7)

The undefeated Brantley Bulldogs will make the short trip across the Coffee County line Friday night when they invade Zion Chapel to battle the winless Zion Chapel Rebels. The Bulldogs remained atop the region standings last week with a 58-0 romp past Kinston, and have now outscored their opponents 279-35 in rolling to a lofty state ranking. Zion Chapel has struggled throughout the season and will be looking to pull off the biggest upset in school history when the Rebels line up against the Bulldogs. Zion Chapel has been outscored 291-100 in its seven games, but has scored 60 points in its last three games for an average of 20 points per game and has shown life on offense. This one looks like a total mismatch on paper, but it will be played on the grass at Zion Chapel, and the Rebels will have nothing to lose.

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SPORTS

Zion Chapel Rebels are still winless after Thursday night loss to Florala Wildcats 35-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Ross Atkinson and Greg Brunson

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their victory drought reach seven games last Thursday night with a 35-7 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in Zion Chapel.

The loss left the Rebels with an 0-7 record, 0-5 in region play, while the Wildcats improved their record to 3-4, 3-2 in region play, with the road win.

Florala kicked off to open the game, but got the ball back at its own 20-yardline after a 22-yard Zion Chapel punt, and promptly marched 80 yards in seven plays to score the first points of the night.

A 38-yard pass completion from Robby Evans to Corderus Smiley helped the Wildcats overcome 15 yards in penalties early in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard plunge by Smiley. Tyler Rasberry kicked the extra-point and with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter Florala owned a 7-0 lead.

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By Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their record slip to 4-3, 2-3 in region play, on Friday night after a tough 32-6 loss to the undefeated Slocomb Red Tops.

New Brockton threatened throughout the game, but three interceptions proved costly for the Gamecocks as they failed to cash in on the three scoring opportunities deep in the red zone.

Tyler Simmons went over the 1,000 yard mark for the season as he gained 123 yards on 19 carries, while Brandon Owens added 78 yards on 16 carries and scored one touchdown. Josh Parks and Ty Jones combined for 314 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns to lead the Red Tops, with Parks gaining 155 yards on 10 carries and Jones gaining 159 yards on 7 carries. Parks had touchdown runs of 76 and 7 yards, while Jones had scoring runs of 86 and 63 yards.

Zion Chapel showed signs of life on offense on its next possession and drove down the field behind the running and passing of Josh Smith. Smith gained 7 yards on the first play of the series to get the Rebels started, while he later tossed a 21-yard pass to Austin Smith that gave the Rebels a first down at the Wildcat 31-yardline. The Rebels quickly moved

New Brockton received the ensuing kickoff and wasted little time heading back down the field, only to once again be stopped by a Gamecock turnover. The Gamecocks' second turnover in as many possessions came when Tyler Simmons took a pitch-out and then pulled up for a halfback pass. The pass never found its intended receiver, as a Red Top defender intercepted the pass at the Slocomb 7-yardline.

Slocomb was 93 yards away from the New Brockton endzone, but needed only three plays to cover the distance as Ty Jones raced 86 yards straight up the middle for a Red Top touchdown. The extra-point was again true, and with 3:07 left in the opening quarter Slocomb owned a 14-0 lead.

New Brockton put together another long drive on its next possession and moved to a third down and one at the Slocomb 13-yardline. Derrick Cook went to the air on the third down play and once again looked for Brian Allums, but once again the pass never found its intended target as the Red Tops stopped the threat with a pass interception at the Slocomb 6-yardline.

Slocomb didn't stay deep in its own territory for long; however, as the Red Tops quickly headed downfield and moved to the New Brockton 1-yardline on a long 43-yard pass completion. Justin Myles scored the touchdown on a one-yard plunge, and although the extra-point try failed, the Red Tops were now on top 20-0 with 2:46 remaining in the second quarter.

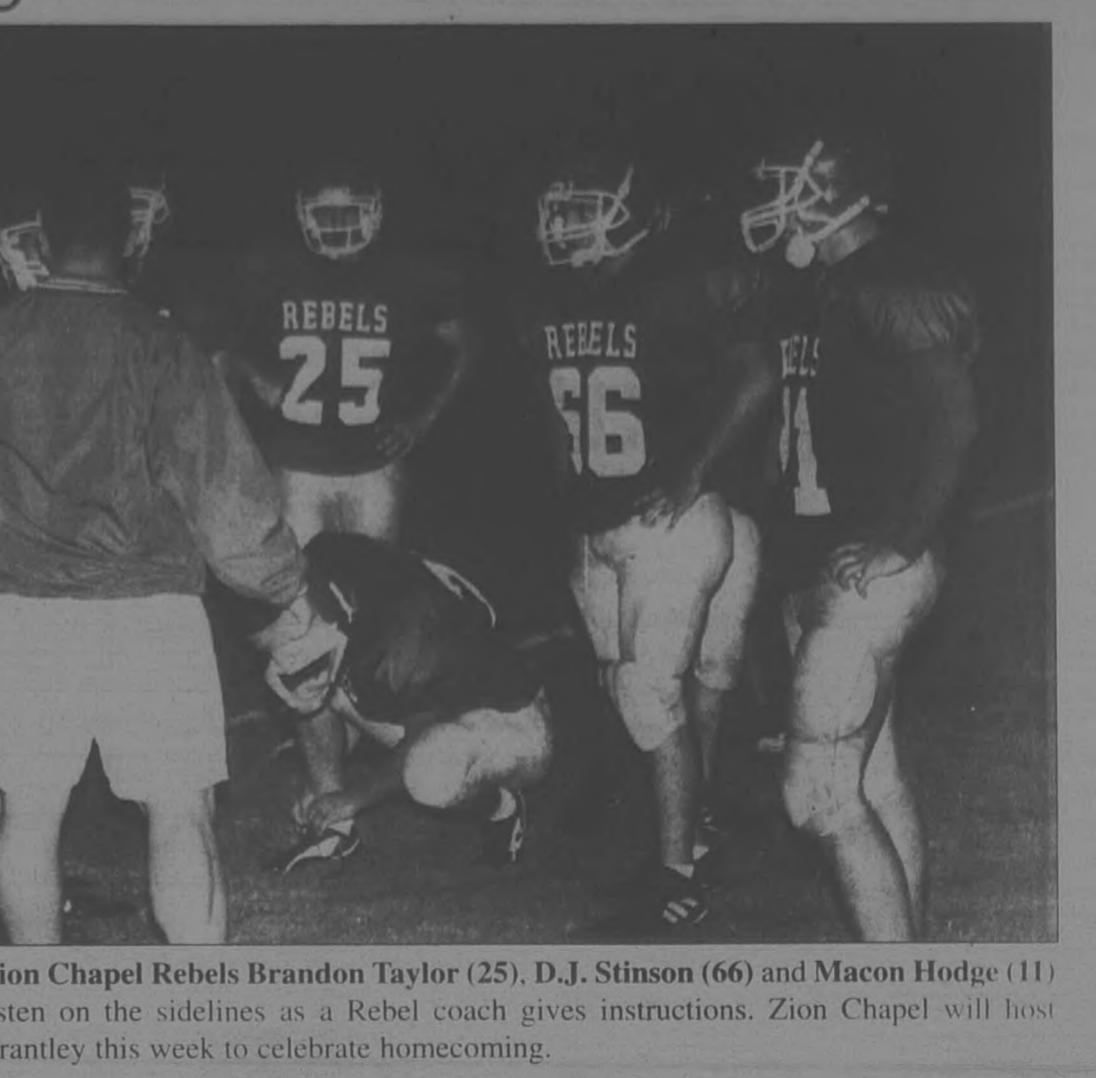
Slocomb received the second half kickoff and quickly added to its lead as one the Red Tops' second play from scrimmage Ty Jones broke loose around the right end and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. A two-point conversion failed, but with 11:03 left in the third quarter Slocomb owned a 26-0 advantage.

The Gamecocks turned the ball over for the fourth time in the game on their next possession with a fumbled snap at the New Brockton 12-yardline. The Gamecock defense stopped Slocomb after the fumble recovery; however, and turned back the scoring threat when a 23-yard field-goal sailed wide left.

Slocomb got the ball back on a New Brockton punt and this time marched into the endzone to score its final points of the night. The score came on a 1-yard quarterback sneak, and after the extra-point try failed the Red Tops came back up the field with a 32-0 lead with 5:59 remaining in the third quarter.

New Brockton avoided the shutout late in the game when Brandon Owens scored on a 1-yard run, but the late score did little but change the final score as at the final horn Slocomb left with the big 32-6 region win.

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**NEWS FROM
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MANDRELL CARPENTER



PVT. Carpenter, Mandrell a 2003 graduate of Elba High School enlisted in the U.S. Army. He graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga on October 9, 2003. He left October 10th for AIT in Texas where he will begin a career in the medical field. Mandrell is the son of Amelia and Charles Carpenter.

CHARLES E. WALKER

Army Pvt. Charles E. Walker Jr. has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane hoist, and winch assemblies.

Walker Jr. is the son of Charles E. Walker Jr. and stepson of Rosa Foster of S. Ainsley St., New Brockton, AL.

He is a 2000 graduate of New Brockton High School.

CLAYTON D. BOWMAN

Army Pvt. Clayton D. Bowman has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Bowman graduated in 2002 from Elba High School, Ala.



THIS YEAR'S LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL CONTESTANTS met recently at Wiregrass Commons Mall for a Get Acquainted Party for this year's Little Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. This year's pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center Saturday October 18 at 6 p.m. Pictured are this year's contestants with the current Little Miss National Peanut - Caroline Crowley - Miss National Peanut - Hannah Yohn and Miss Alabama USA - Michelle Arnette.

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Fall Festival to be held in New Brockton this Saturday

Final planes are being made by The New Brockton Beautification Committee for the Fall Festival to be held this Saturday, Oct. 18, in the New Brockton Memorial Park. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day, and will be entertainment for the whole family.

Entertainers will include Don Helms, Lamar Morris, Derek Snellgrove, Crimson River,

Scholarship winners announced

The University of Alabama and The National Alumni Association recently awarded scholarships to Coffee County area students attending UA. Coffee County area students receiving scholarships are:

Coffee County Chapter

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Jordanaires, Ken Hicks & The Front Porch Pickers.

Food available will include barbecue pork and chicken, hamburgers and all the fixin's.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs. Bathrooms and parking will be available.

Booths will be \$15.00; for information call 894-5283.

There will be no admission charge; however, donations will be accepted.



JANE BRYAN OF ELBA RECEIVES a plaque from William O. Gammill Coffee County Probate Judge pictured above, for 10 years of excellent service in the Coffee County Probate office in Elba.

Coffee County Schools Menu October 20-24, 2003

| BREAKFAST | | LUNCH | |
|-----------|--|-----------|---|
| Monday | - Pancakes, Link Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Monday | - Bar-B-Q Chicken, Burrito, Whole White Potatoes, Fried Okra, Rolls, Fritter, Milk |
| Tuesday | - Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Tuesday | - Turkey Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hashbrowns, English Peas, Fruit, Milk |
| Wednesday | - Ham, Egg & Cheese, Omlet, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Wednesday | - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Crackers, Fruit, Milk |
| Thursday | - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Thursday | - Ham & Cheese Hoggie, Steak Sandwich, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk |
| Friday | - Steak Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Friday | - Meat Loaf, Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Turnips, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk |

Don't Forget New Brockton's Fall Festival This Saturday!



Co-Op Spotlight

by Christy Ebanks



This week's co-op spotlight is Kelli Nicole Richard.

Kelli is the 17-year-old daughter of Allen and Joyce Richard. She is currently employed at National Security in Elba.

Kelli is a member of Elba Deliverance Tabernacle. She is also a member of VICA and Spanish Club at EHS.

In her spare time, Kelli enjoys shopping, talking on the phone, reading, and being with friends.

Congratulations, Kelli, on being this week's co-op spotlight!

Reminder:

E.E.S. invites all students and their parents to a Spook-Tacular event Monday, Oct. 27, from 6-8 p.m. The fun will kick off in the cafeteria with some Terror-ific storytelling, followed by the annual Funny Fall Fashions Parade of costumes.

Refreshments can be purchased and enjoyed while reading books and taking AR tests.

EHS Student Talent

by Carrie M. Copeland

This week's article focuses on Andy Waddall. Andy is the son of Rebecca and John Waddall of Elba. He has been showing cows since he was in the seventh grade.

When Andy was asked what it is like to show cows, he said, "Showing is just like a beauty contest. You have to start the calves at a young age and begin halter breaking and begin training their hair. It takes a lot of patience and effort."

Andy has won numerous awards including: 2 Alabama State Champion Simmental Heifers, supreme Heifer County Invitational

Show, and other class and division wins. In the future, Andy plans to go to college and become a farmer.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments and good luck in the future.

The pumpkins will be on display on stage at the elementary school beginning Tuesday, Oct. 21. Donations will be accepted

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Elba: 150 years of history and memories

Submitted by
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

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The land on which Elba is located was entered by Ephrim King on February 17, 1836. This land was sold to John B. Simmons and his brother-in-law, Gappa T. Yelverton about 1840. Simmons Mercantile was the first store in Elba. The post office was located in the store and John Simmons was the postmaster. At that time the little town was called Bridgeville. A new post office was opened on February 2, 1841 with Bartley M. Tucker as postmaster. On June 20, 1850 the name was changed to Bentenville, in honor of Col. Thomas Hart Benton, Senator from Missouri who served in Alabama in the Creek Indian Wars of 1813-1814. The citizens soon decided the name should be changed to be more fitting for a thriving community. On December 8, 1851, the suggested names were placed in a hat. John B. Simmons who had been reading a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte with reference to him being exiled to the island of Elba off the coast of Italy, selected the name of Elba in the hat. Mr. John Fountain, the ferry operator was asked to draw a name and Elba was drawn. In 1852 the State Legislature created a voting precinct and the new town of Elba was officially recognized.

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The coming of the railroad was a great economic boost to Elba and Coffee County. The only major structure on the line was the trestle across Pea River in Elba. The worst flood ever recorded, at the time, in the state of Alabama took place in Elba and the "New Town" area of the town, also the industrial area, became known as Elba. It came to be called "New Town". The name of the railroad line changed several times. The first train came to Elba on March 20, 1892 and the trains were discontinued in November 27, 1984.

Pea River history is a vital part of the history of Elba. The Creek Indians named the river Talakatchee but the early settlers rejected the name. In the Creek language, talak means pea and hatchee means stream, branch, or

small river. The Talakatchee River is a sister stream of the Choctawhatchee River, whose name was not rejected. Pea River is about 120 miles long. It emerges from a swamp in Bullock County Union Springs and joins her sister river at Geneva. About half of the river is located in Coffee County.

Almost every generation of Elba citizens has had a flood story about Pea River to pass on. The history of Elba is water marked with stories of floods and high water problems. March is the month the floods usually come. The Lincoln flood of March 1865 was the first to destroy Elba, which was them only twelve years old. It was known as the Lincoln flood since that was the year Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. There were three streams

which converge in or near Elba. Beaver Dam Creek, Whitewater Creek and Pea River. All play a part in the floods.

On March 19, 1888 Elba residents were again faced with what older people called the flood of Elba. The worst flood ever recorded, at the time, in the state of Alabama took place in Elba in March of 1929. Much has been written and told about this great flood and all of those who were a part of it need had their own story to tell. On Thursday morning, March 14, 1929 the people were warned that the river was coming out of its banks and would spread into the town. By lunch time, people were being taken from downtown and the immediate river area by boats. The water continued to rise, making it the most horrible night that the citizens had ever experienced. The next morning airplanes carrying

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food, milk, and emergency supplies flew over the town and dropped the much needed supplies. The flood edition of the Montgomery Advertiser was dropped to upstairs porches and to people on rooftops. The river crested at 43.50 feet early in the afternoon of March 15, 1929.

A levee was built beside the river, around the town in 1930. The canal and Beaver Dams Creek drainage was completed at various points. The Smith's Bridge was constructed and raised to its present level. Years passed and high water came regularly. In 1938 and in 1959 rising water flooded the Smith Avenue area and did much damage. On Wednesday, February 19, 1975 flooding occurred again. The river crested at 4.00 a.m. on February 20 at 37.29 feet. Smith Avenue, Riverview, and the New Town areas near Beaver Dam Creek were hardest hit. At this time Mr. A.C. Lauren read the level of Pea River every day for the National Weather Service. He read the river level at least every hour for three days and two nights.

The "decade" of floods in Elba was the 1990's. The flood of March 17, 1990 is the most devastating flood ever recorded in Elba. The river crested at 48 feet. When the levee broke, swift currents of water quickly rushed into town about 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The break occurred on the Troy highway near the Elba Elementary School. The break came from Whitewater Creek, not Pea River. The entire town was under water for four days the river dropped and a break in the levee on the other side of town allowed water to drain away. The entire city was almost destroyed including all of the school system buildings, the county jail, built in 1912, the county Department of Human Resources and the Coffee County Board of Education.

A wedding was scheduled for the United Methodist Church for Saturday, March 18, 1990. Aleah Hudson and Blue Morrow were to be married. Many worked hard to get things together and the wedding took place, on that day, at the First United Methodist Church near Elba. Several floods also occurred in March of 1994 and 1998. In the 1998 flood there were two deaths from drowning, Marquindale Thigpen and Edward Horstead. For this reason the decade of floods is a very real part of the history of Elba.

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Brunson/English named Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Queen

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the celebration of Elba's history, a Sesquicentennial King and Queen were named at the Sesquicentennial Ball held Saturday evening, Sept. 6, at the Elba Recreation Center. The two individuals chosen for this honor were nominated based on their love for the City of Elba and their continuous work as ambassadors for the city.

Marion Brunson was chosen to serve as Elba's Sesquicentennial King while Lois English was honored as the Sesquicentennial Queen.

Brunson was nominated for his many years of service as an ambassador of Elba. Through the years, he has been involved in many community activities including principal of Elba High School and Elba Elementary School, Coffee County Probate Judge for 12 years, Sons of the American Revolution, president of Hillcrest Elementary School in Enterprise, Coffee County Education Retirees Association, past state president of the Huguenot Society, Barons of the Magna Carta, foundation board member of Enterprise-Ozark Community College, past chairman of the Coffee County Commission and

founding president of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

Brunson also has an active church life as historian of the Elba United Methodist Church and

serving at both District and Conference levels of the United Methodist Church.

In being nominated, Brunson was recognized as the "chief individual most responsible for the desperately needed refurbishing of the Coffee County Courthouse (the centerpiece of Elba)", as well as, "the driving force behind raising money and restoring the city's beautiful flowing well."

Brunson, also is noted as the author of eight books dealing with the history of Coffee County and many of its residents, and of these eight books, two specifically deal with the history of Elba and Coffee County.

Lois English was selected as Elba's Sesquicentennial King because he is "commonly recognized as the local expert on anything and everything to do with Elba heritage, and he has been invited to speak at numerous gatherings, club meetings, school classes, etc. about the history of Elba."

While Lois English has never held any public office or high profile position in the community, she was chosen as Elba Sesquicentennial Queen because of the many lives she has touched in a positive way through countless contributions.

English was born, reared and has spent her entire life living and working in Elba. According to her nomination, "she has always been

an outspoken advocate of the city, she calls home, particularly when she had opportunity to greet visitors to Elba."

As a very active member of Liberty Church of Christ, English is a supporter of the Agape foster children program. She also has been instrumental in raising money to help build a local Senior Citizen Center, volunteered her time and efforts in helping the local schools, the Boy Scouts troop, the band, Operation Santa Claus, the nursing home and in helping to feed and distribute household goods to people left displaced by the devastating floods of 1990 and 1998.

While all these are certainly worthy, English is recognized more for her less conspicuous contributions. From helping families left homeless by fire or flood to taking in a family in need of a place to stay, English has proven once again to be a person this community can depend upon in time of need.

Simply put, Lois English was chosen as Elba's Sesquicentennial Queen because she embodies the true spirit of Elba - "she is an everyday citizen living and working here and quietly working to make a difference in the lives of others without the least expectation of recognition for doing so."

Since being named Sesquicentennial King and Queen, Brunson and English have each experienced the honor for being given such an honor. Both said they have a great love for the city they call home and could not ask for better recognition from their fellow Elbans.

Also recognized at the ball were other nominees for the Sesquicentennial King and Queen.

The Sesquicentennial Ball, which was held a part of the "Celebrating Elba 150" yearlong event, was sponsored by the New Season's Study Club.

**Congratulations
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Marion Brunson, Elba's Sesquicentennial King



Lois English, Elba's Sesquicentennial Queen

A look at Elba Clipper stories prior to the 50s

Taking a quick glance back at past editions of The Elba Clipper, it is not hard to see a definite change in how the news was and is delivered.

For instance, in the early 1900s, the front page of the Clipper rarely contained an article dealing with local news. Instead, it was national happenings that took the headlines. And, there were hardly any pictures to be found in the newspaper at that time - it was for reading only.

As the years passed, the front page headlines changed with them. By the 20s, some local news began to show itself alongside national happenings.

This change easily can be attributed to the increase in media outlets; the news media has grown through the years, it has allowed weekly newspapers such as The Elba Clipper to focus more and more on the local happenings, and let the daily folks and television outlets handle the national and worldwide information.

Also, by the 20s, a few more photographs began to show up in newspapers, but it was still mostly for reading.

Local stories were also a lot different in the early 1900s. For example, a trip to Montgomery would have gotten a big headline if an Elba resident back in those days had gone.

By the late 30s and 40s, the newspaper began to take closer shape to the way we recognize it today; however, it still had its differences.

The following are examples taken from a few editions of The Elba Clipper in the years prior to the 1950s in an effort to give an idea of how reporting the news has progressed.

June 23, 1901
Major Headlines on the front page included: "Woman of the Wicked Held Up in Light and Governor Goad Dead Beloved Governor of the State Succumbs to Heart Trouble in Tuscaloosa." Readers had to turn inside the paper to find local news and the following is an example of what one might find:

The Tie that Binds
Tuesday morning a very affectionate looking couple arrived from Opp and registered at the Beard Hotel. The young man's name was Atwell and he hailed from Flora. The young damsel's name

was Thomas and her place of residence was Laurel Hill, Fla. It took but one glance at the youngsters to satisfy anybody that they intended to get married forthwith and immediately as there was a certain indefinable sweetness and trustfulness in their manner towards each other that none but those who are rapidly approaching the matrimonial state can assume.

About 2 o'clock they reported to the courthouse and secured a license and got married and that ends the chapter.

January 7, 1908
Front Page Headlines included: "Traffic Men Accept Laws for Railroads and First Lynching For 1908 in Mississippi"

During this time period, The Elba Clipper was a bi-weekly publication. It was published on Tuesday and Friday of each week.

Local news stories were basically one column stories and read as follows:

School opened Monday but on account of rain, the attendance was not so good as was expected

Elba should have a school that is absolutely free. The town owes this to every child in its limits and some way should be provided to give it.

The need of good roads in Coffee is now being felt by farmers.

January 24, 1924
This edition included a front page story concerning the Pea River Bridge. It read as follows:

Bridge at Elba will probably be open again next week

Gordan Swain buys Elba Lunchroom

Work on Pea River Bridge at Elba has been going steadily on for the past day or so, but on account of the bad weather, the work has been necessarily slow.

A Clipper Representative visited the bridge on Wednesday morning and was informed that the new part of the bridge, the Pea River, which connects with the highway, would probably be finished by tonight (Thursday).

However arrangements have been made to repair the entire bridge and this work will consume several



One of the biggest stories for Elba during this time was the "Great Flood of 1929". For many years, it remained the most devastating flood in the history of Elba. That was, of course, until the 1990's. This aerial shot of the '29 flood received a lot of recognition following the natural disaster. This flood also led to the construction of the Elba levee which is now being rehabilitated by the Corps of Engineers.

al days more. It is understood that all flooring on the main span of the bridge as well as the West abutment will be torn away and repaired.

Mr. Wise, the contractor, who is doing the work, says that the bridge will not likely be opened for traffic until next week, perhaps the last of the week.

While much inconvenience is being experienced by traffic on account of the bridge being closed, it will be a source of gratification to know that all the bridge will be put in better repair.

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February 2, 1933
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Gordan Swain, popular young Elba boy, has purchased the Elba lunch room from Mr. Floyd and is now in charge of the establishment. Improvements have been made at the place and beside serving foods of all kinds, a nice line of candy and cakes will be on sale at all times.

April 5, 1945
Big Cabbage

One of the largest cabbages we have seen in several seasons was being displayed last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook. It measured three feet across and weighed 11 pounds. The cabbage was grown by Matt McCollough and is just a young plant, having been cut before it had time to make any head.

May 17, 1945
It is important to note that the World War was receiving many of the headlines during this time

at all times.

June 6, 1935
Levee Work Stopped; WPA

Through the Years: A collection of photos submitted for publication



Siblings Lamar Kelley and Earnestine (Tina) Kelley Morgan stand on the square in front of Bonneau-Jeter Furniture Store in 1950.



Old Elba Hotel (or Blue Hotel)



In an election held at Dorsey Brothers Trailor Plant, last Friday, employees voted 128 to 50 for establishment of a union organization here.

The unit will be under domination of the United Automobile Workers, a CIO Affiliate. Plans for the organization have been underway for several months, so we are informed, and the election was held under direction of the National Labor Relations Board.

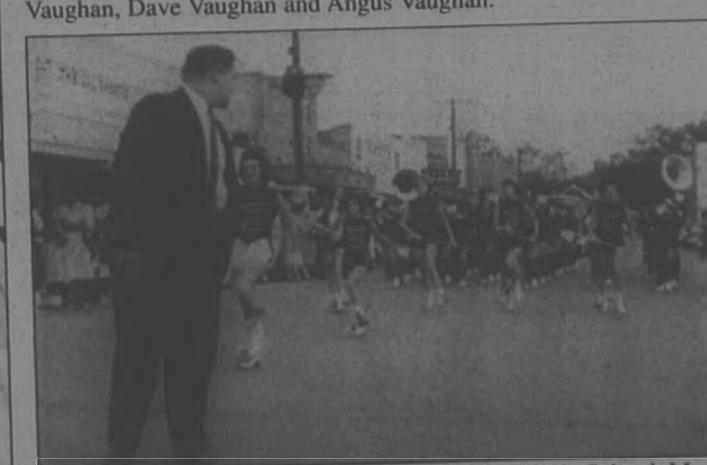
Dorsey Plant workers vote 128 to 50 for CIO



Some of those who attended the presentation ceremony for the award given to Vivian Harper after the 1929 flood.



Phillip Morrow, Alice Brunson, Courtney Cannon, Tony Martin, Bev Cox and Bunny Cox entering Violet Tainer's first grade class.



EHS Homecoming Parade of 1959 - Elba High School Marching Band with principal Marion Brunson in front.

Floods devastate Elba; Citizens overcome disaster

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The City of Elba and its people have accomplished many things over the past 150 years; however, the most famous happenings the town has experienced are without a doubt the natural disasters known as floods.

The flood of 1929, also known as the Great Flood of 1929, was considered the worst natural disaster the City of Elba had experienced until March of 1990 when it flooded again.

The town, including homes,

businesses and churches, remained under water until the levee finally broke on the other side of town, allowing the water to finally drain.

The levee was repaired, and Elba managed to get back to business as usual again. That was until March 8, 1990. On this day, the City of Elba once again flooded. Fortunately, the water subsided quicker on this occasion and not nearly as much damage was done.

Despite the number of times the

City of Elba has flooded through the years, there has always been one constant. The people of Elba do not give up.

Following the 1929 flood, the townspeople joined forces and rebuilt. That was the same reaction the natural disaster received from Elbans again in 1990 and 1998. During clean up and rebuilding efforts of 1990, Elba followed one simple theme, "Everything Lost But We'll Be Back Again!"

Today, Elba is going strong and work is underway through the Army Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the levee in a manner that should keep the rising waters of the river from harming the downtown area again. Once completed, the new levee will be much wider, taller and stronger and should be able to withstand the pressure of flood waters.



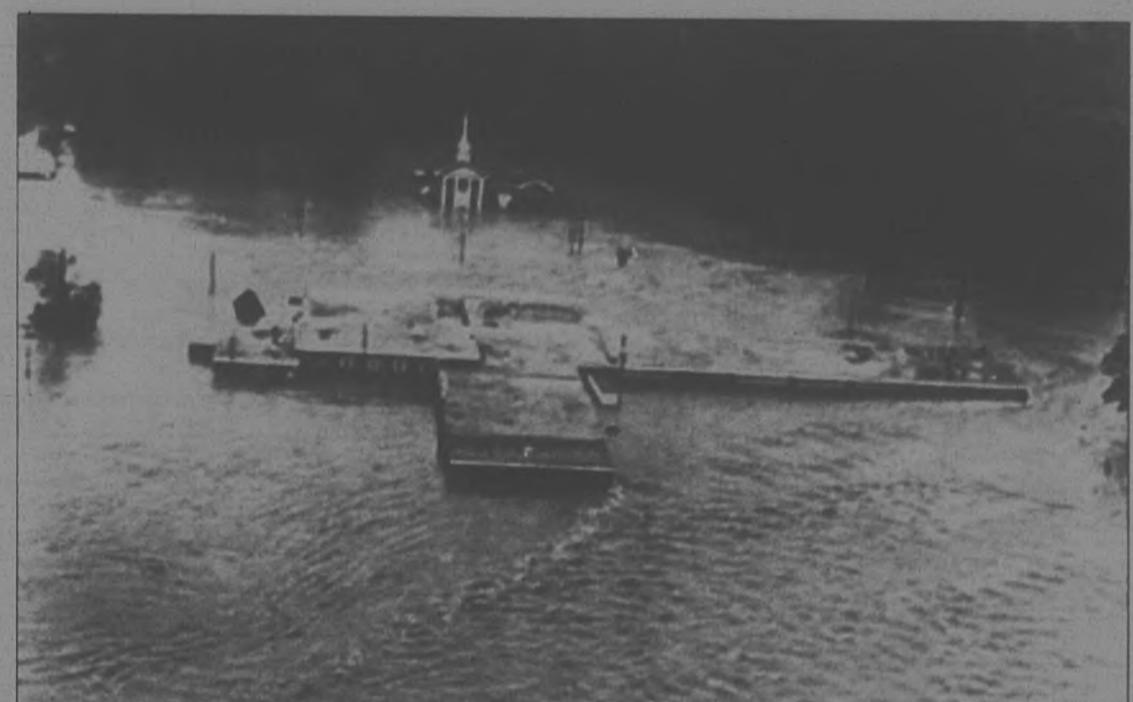
The Coffee County Courthouse during the 1990 flood of Elba



The only method of travel through Elba was by boat



As Ellen Lowery shows gloves & boots were necessary for cleanup



The levee broke just the other side of the old Elba Elementary School during the 1990 flood. Also shown in the background is the Elba Church of Christ.



Elba Methodist Church members worked together to clean up after the flood.



The flood left these cars piled on top each other at Cook Chevrolet

Vivian Harper remembered for demonstrating courage during Elba Flood of 1929

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Natural disasters definitely test human courage, and often times unlikely candidates become recognizable heroes.

Vivian Harper showed an overwhelming amount of courage on the morning of March 14, 1929.

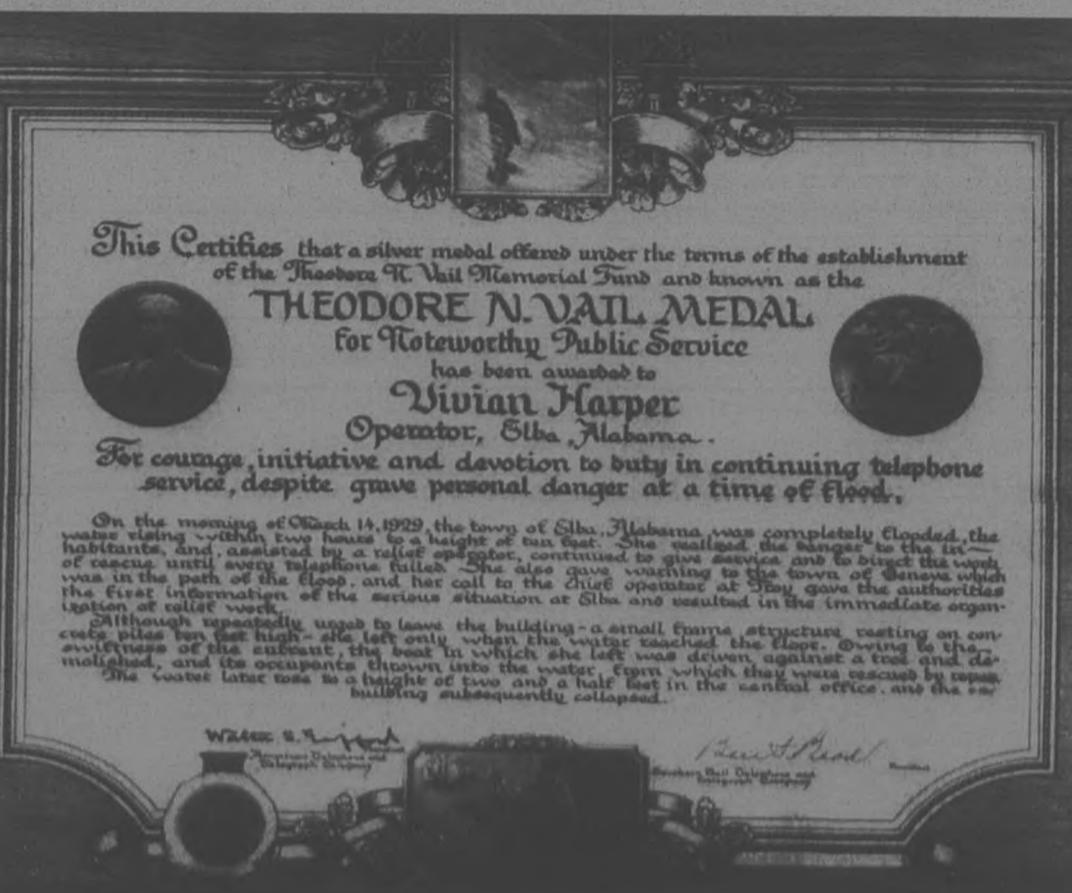
When the town of Elba flooded that morning after about 60 hours of rain, the citizens were forced to seek refuge in the second stories of their homes, on roof tops or in trees. However, Vivian Harper remained at her post as telephone operator to serve as a link for the flooding town and the outside areas. She remained at her station until every telephone in Elba had failed.

According to history, she first focused on warning the people of Elba of the danger from the flood-

ing, as well as, their rescue efforts. Then, when she realized the seriousness of the situation, Mrs. Harper proceeded to warn the town of Geneva which also was in the path of possible flooding.

Finally, she contacted the chief telephone operator in Troy and delivered information of the disaster which allowed quick organization of relief work from outside the town. Only then did Harper leave her post and move out of harms way.

In recognition of her efforts, Harper was awarded the Theodore N. Vail Medal for Noteworthy Public Service. This award was presented to Harper for her courage, initiative and devotion to duty in continuing telephone service, despite grave personal danger at a time of flood.



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A look back at "Celebrate Elba 150" events held earlier in the year



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Weekend extravaganza highlights "Celebrate Elba 150"

The "Celebrate Elba 150" events concluded during the weekend of Oct. 10-12 with five events spread over the three days.

The weekend extravaganza began with a Prayer Breakfast held Friday morning, Oct. 10, at the Elba First Baptist Church, and later that day, merchants set up booths around the courthouse square and participated in a Business Exposition.

Saturday, Oct. 11, brought the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival. Although everyone made the best of the day, rain took center stage and forced the event to end early, as well as the cancellation of the "150" parade.

Finally, Sunday, Oct. 12, citizens enjoyed a reception at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office in the afternoon, and later gathered at the Elba High School auditorium for a community church service followed by the "History of Elba Play" which was written and performed by Elba City School students.

Here are scenes from those events beginning with Friday, Oct. 10:





Employees of Dorsey Trailers gather for a company photo in 1958...This photo definitely shows that the body style of trailers has changed over the years.



APOLOGIES DUE

The Clipper hopes Jimmy Foley will accept this late notice of giving him credit for assisting in installing the new street lights around the square. He is all the time on the job Dec. 1 to see that the lights are properly installed and he is equally prompt to see that they are taken down and stored away by New Year's Day.

OLD LANDMARK RAZED

What is known as the old Dr. Blue home, located on West Simmons Street, is being razed by the recent purchaser, Harry Bullard, who stated recently he has not definitely decided what he will do with the lot.

Dr. J.D. (Button) Blue built the house in 1898 and for many years it was one of the largest and best constructed houses in this area. It was also one of the most attractive. But it has served its purpose and will give way to progress.

The site is one of the most desirably located of any in the city and will, no doubt, be utilized in a manner that will be advantageous to the neighborhood.



The Elba Clipper - Thursday, December 22, 1955: UGH!! That's a raw egg Charles Clark is cracking into a neophyte "E" Club member's mouth. As part of their initiation, athletes who have just earned their letter, parade around the square in their "long johns." Of late it has become a custom to stop at The Clipper office to get a picture taken. This year the older members decided to put some action into the picture - hence the raw egg.

Did You Know...The Centennial Edition of The Elba Clipper was published November 19, 1953?

Snow Sunday Was Heaviest Since 1943

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, January 27, 1955

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955, will go down in Elba weather annals as "the day of the big snow." It began snowing early in the day and continued to fall throughout most of the day, the fleecy flakes resembling a real snow storm - part of the time. It was estimated that if the ground had been dry and the temperature a few degrees colder, the snow would have measured five or six inches deep.

Most of the snow melted as it fell on grassy places, roofs and cars it accumulated to a depth of over two inches. It was the first snow many young children had ever seen and they as well as older ones, made the most of it. Building snowmen, throwing snowballs and making snow ice cream were popular diversions. Wet feet from sloshing about through the slush were numerous.

The last previous comparable snowfall in this section was on Dec. 15, 1943, but it was not as heavy as this one. At that time Supt. James C. Dixon dismissed

the Elba schools so pupils could play in the snow. The following cold weather caused snowmen and other snow accumulations to remain in evidence for two or three days. A lighter snowfall occurred about seven years ago.

Oldtimers say that Sunday's snowfall was the heaviest since the record snow of 1899, where over a foot of snow covered all of South Alabama. It was the heaviest of which there is any record. Many of our older citizens say they remember it well.

Sunday's snow was of great benefit to winter crops, pastures and gardens. In talking with John Taylor **Monday** morning,

he said conditions are shaping up favorably for spring planting and he is hopeful that Elba will have an early spring and favorable growing season.

About People and Things

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, January 27, 1955

POWER PLANT OPERATES

W.B. Morgan, veteran operator at the Pea River Power Plant, stated Monday afternoon that the plant was able to operate more consistently during the past month than at any time for more than a year. He stated that recent rains caused water to pour over the dam for a day or so last week and there is still sufficient water to enable the plant to operate most of the time.

ELBA IS DOTHAN "JINX"

In commenting on what the Dothan Eagle calls the "Dothan Jinx," the paper published a big picture of Roland Powell with the following remarks:

"Elba leader - Main cog in the Elba Tiger offense is six-foot Roland Powell, who plays the pivot post. Powell, who leads the team in scoring, and his mates will meet the Dothan Tigers in Elba tomorrow night. Elba has won 10 games and lost only one while the Dothan team shows a 4-5 mark over the season."



The Thursday, Nov. 21, 1963 edition of the Clipper highlighted a picture of Governor George C. Wallace in Elba. Theoline read:
GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE ATTENDS WINDHAM POWER LIFTS OPEN HOUSE - Governor Wallace arrived by plane at the Elba airport Friday afternoon. The plane coasted up the runway from the airport to the modern new building recently completed for the the Windham Power Lifts, Inc. Pictured here from left are F.C. Clark, vice-president; Paul Windham, president; Governor Wallace; Oscar Vaughan Jr., treasurer; J. Doug Kendrick, director. Other officers not pictured are Doctor E.M. Warr, secretary, and Luther Pope, director.
A large crowd of well-wishers and prominent men of the State of Alabama and from elsewhere called during the afternoon and until about 8 o'clock in the evening.

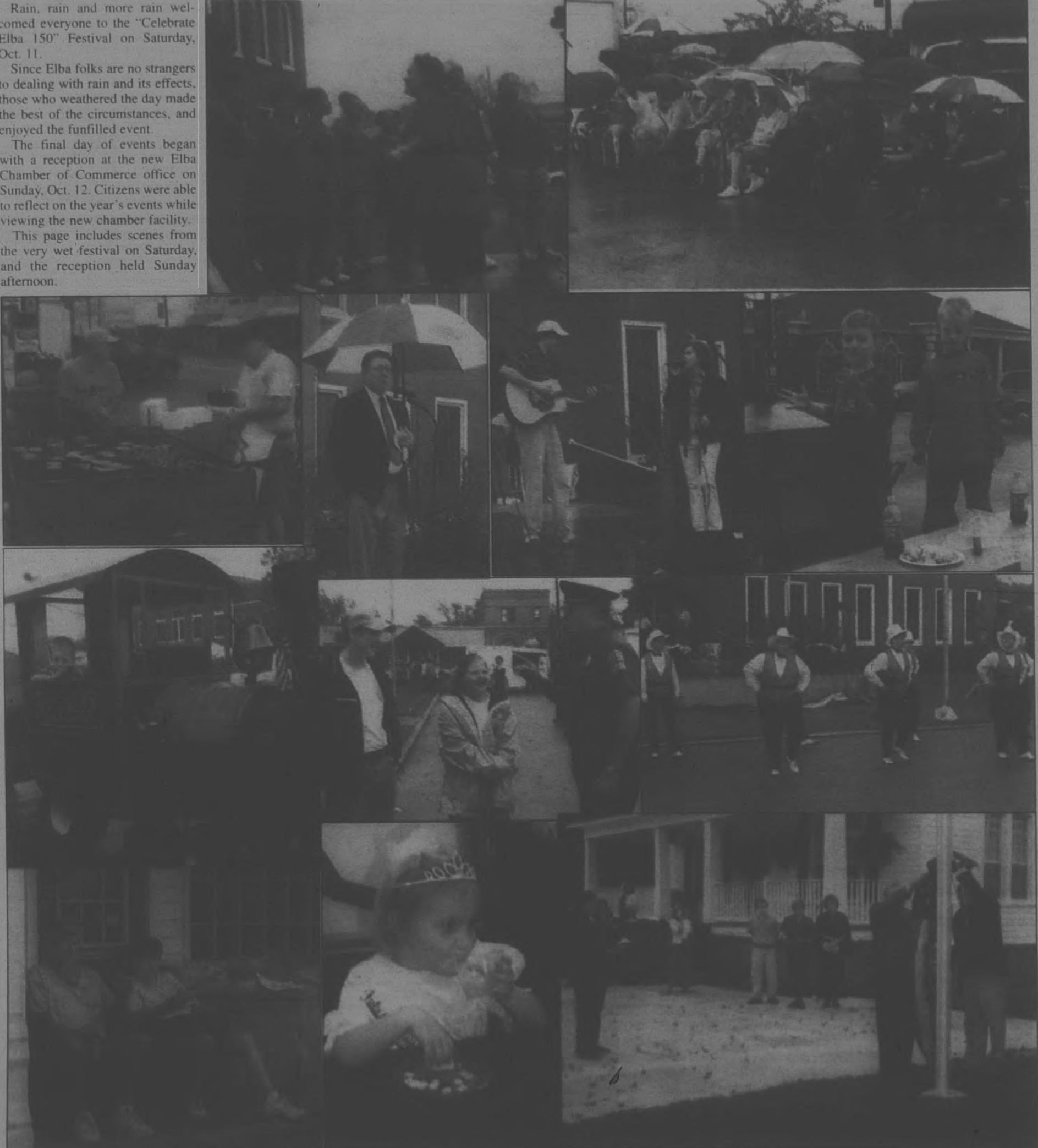
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Rain and more rain welcomed everyone to the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Since Elba folks are no strangers to dealing with rain and its effects, those who weathered the day made the best of the circumstances, and enjoyed the fulfilled event.

The final day of events began with a reception at the new Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Sunday, Oct. 12. Citizens were able to reflect on the year's events while viewing the new chamber facility.

This page includes scenes from the very wet festival on Saturday, and the reception held Sunday afternoon.



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Only Confederate battle in Coffee County began in Elba

Submitted by
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

During the early morning hours of September 3, 1863 the only battle of the war between the states in Coffee County began in Elba. Jim Ward, a leader of a group of renegades sought shelter in the swamps of Pea River. His followers were men who deserted and otherwise refused to serve in the Confederate army. They and their families were men who deserted and otherwise refused to serve in the Confederate army.

Under the cover of darkness during the early morning hours of September 3, 1863, the group arrived in Elba to carry out their well-laid plans. They successfully burned the courthouse and the wooden bridge over Pea River. Then they crossed Tanard Branch, heading south where they had been defeated by the Home Guard several months earlier.

Following the general course of Pea River the group traveled rapidly through darkness. They stopped to rest at Drake Eye, to allow their terrified and exhausted horses to also rest. The outlaws scattered themselves on the ground along the sides of the branch and were soon asleep.

Uncle Munley Hammonds, the Elba night watchman sounded the alarm that the outlaws had burned the courthouse. The Home Guard rapidly assembled led by Capt. Payne and Sheriff Robert Brooks.

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The fierce and bloody battle raged for about an hour on the battlefield about two acres in size. Jim Ward, felt no more loyalty to his raiders when he realized they were being defeated. He seized the first opportunity to retreat alone and left his outlaws to be captured or killed. Without a leader to give them orders, the group who were able, disappeared and the battle ended.

Coffee County soil was crimson with human blood. Only two members of the raiders were taken alive: John Clark and an unidentified raider. So few

Indians credited for naming Pea River

Submitted by
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

Before the pioneers moved into the area, coming primarily from Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia, the Creek Indians named our river. They named it Talakatchee; talak means pea and hatchee means small branch, creek or river in Creek Indian language. It is assumed the settlers refused the Indian name

Talakatchee and used the English version, Pea River.

The Talakatchee is a sister stream of the Choctawhatchee into which it flows. Choctawhatchee means Black Bird Creek in Creek Indian language. Pea River is about 120 miles in length. It originates in the southeast corner of Bullock County and travels through the counties of Bullock, Pike, Barbour, Dale, Coffee and Geneva. It connects with its sister

stream at Geneva, Alabama. Some 270,000 acres or 63 percent of Coffee County drains into Pea River and there are approximately fifty miles of the river in Coffee County. Pea River moves through Coffee County from the Northeast to the Southwest corner. It is not a large stream but it has served as an important waterway. It has claimed the lives of numerous area residents; however, it is a source of great pride.

Practically every generation has its own flood story about the Talakatchee or Pea River to pass on. River towns were the first to be inhabited by the Pioneer settlers. Elba, as other river towns are "watermarked" with flood problems. The great love for Pea River continues to be a very significant part of the history of Elba.

*Do You Remember
When.....*

The Elba City Pool was located next to the Pea River Boat Ramp just off the Old River Road?



While performing a "History of Elba" play, students of the Elba City Schools remembered the burning of the county courthouse in Elba on Sept. 3, 1863 by raiders. The play was the final event of "Celebrate Elba 150."

raiders survived until they never again posed a threat.

The Home Guard gathered up their four heroes who gave their lives at Battle Branch. This battlefield is located along the branch at the north end of the present day Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in lower Coffee



Digging of the ditch for the sewer line installation around 1941...This picture was taken on the South side of the Ernest Owen residence. Those looking forward include Dock Harris, Charlie Bamberg and Bonnie L. Jacobs.



Old Sand Hill School

From the headlines of The Elba Clipper...

Doctor Bancroft Cooper - Elba's new general practitioner

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Aug. 29, 1963



Doctor Cooper is the son of Mrs. Nell B. Cooper of Elba and the late Robert L. Cooper Sr. His wife before their marriage was Doris Hildreth of Enterprise.

Doctor Cooper was born in Elba, Dec. 26, 1921. He graduated from Elba High School and served in the Air Force as a fighter pilot during World War II, received the Purple Heart, Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. He entered the University of Alabama in 1945, and received a Bachelor of Science in 1949. He received the Master of Science degree in 1950. He was a student at the University of Alabama for two years and completed his academic requirements for degree of Doctor of Philosophy before entering the University of Alabama Medical School in 1953.

After graduating he entered at Saint Vincent's Hospital in

Dorsey Trailers begins sales talk

The Elba Clipper
Nov. 13, 1986

Officials of the Dorsey Corporation announced last week the company was pursuing the sale of Dorsey Trailers, Inc., and that the company was engaged in preliminary discussions with private investors regarding the terms of such sale.

John T. Pollock, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the corporation, officially announced the sales talks on Thursday, Nov. 6, in a press release issued from corporate headquarters in Chattanooga,

Elba places at math tourney

The Elba Clipper
March 9, 1978
Black and Gold Review

On Friday, Feb. 24, 14 math students and their sponsors traveled to Birmingham for the 16th Invitational Mathematics Tournament held at Samford University on Saturday.

Ten team members - Julie Holiday, Chuck Mack, Ken Martin and Mike Rich, competed with students from approximately

Tenn.

In making the announcement, Pollock stated that while the discussions were underway with private investors, no sale agreement had been reached. Dorsey Trailers president George Collier, in a letter to all company employees, stated the proposed purchasers had stated plans to maintain Dorsey Trailers as a "viable cargo trailer manufacturer and to strengthen Dorsey's position in the marketplace."

Collier also noted the investors had indicated that present management and operations would continue in place at the Elba plant.

The building's original owner was a Dr. May, who later sold the building to Bartow Bullard, a druggist, who operated a drugstore in the downtown portion of the building. The Brooks family later purchased the building and eventually sold it to English. The building has been unoccupied for a number of years due to severe leaks and structural damage.

Retired Judge Eris Paul was one of the building's early tenants as a young attorney, and remembered when the upstairs meeting room was headquarters for numerous civic organizations.



The Elba Clipper : Dec. 14, 1982 - JIMMY THROWS THE SWITCH!!! Jimmy Foley is shown turning on the Christmas lights which decorate the square. Also pictured is Elba Mayor Fred Moore presenting Jimmy with his annual salary (\$10) for performing this important task. Jimmy has been doing this for quite some time now.

Elba landmark coming down fast

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Oct. 2, 1986

In 1929 the building served as a haven for approximately 60 residents when flood waters submerged the downtown area of Elba. Residents stayed in the second floor of the building for three days, until the water subsided, and then came down the wooden stairs to see what was left of the town. Judge Paul stated the water got to the top step of the

stairs, but never got into the offices on the upper floor that served as a place of safety.

A spokesman for the demolition crew stated it would take between two - six months to complete that project, which should give the townspeople plenty of time to bid the piece of Elba history a farewell.



The Elba Clipper : Thursday, Sept. 4, 1986 - WHERE'S THE DOVE? Ceila Hayes of Elba, September Calendar Girl at Enterprise State Junior College, is ready for hunting season. Ceila, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hayes III, is a sophomore at ESJC majoring in nursing.

From the headlines of The Elba Clipper...

McKinnon signs with Alabama A&M

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Feb. 19, 1987

Richard McKinnon is without a doubt the best fullback to play at Elba since I've been here and I know he'll make it in college," stated Elba's Coach Mack Wood. "Richard is a great blocker, a great runner and a great competitor. He is a real player and played a vital

role in the success of our team past three years."

"Richard will be a fullback in college and will be a good one. He's a good receiver and will do anything that's asked of him."

McKinnon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin McKinnon of Elba.



The Elba Clipper : Thursday, Sept. 25, 1986 - READY FOR TRIAL RUMN...Probate Judge Marion Brummett and county maintenance supervisor John Flowers step inside the new elevator at the Elba courthouse as Jimmy Foley prepares to push the button to see if the newly installed elevator is operational! The elevator is expected to be ready for the public this week and is located at the main entrance to the courthouse on the building's west side. Funds for the elevator were received from the state and the elevator was installed to provide access to the upstairs courtrooms for the elderly and handicapped.



The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Dec. 7, 1989

STATE 3A CHAMPS WERE PRESENTED THEIR TROPHY activities at the Elba High School on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The honor was won by the Elba Tigers football team last Friday night when they defeated T.M. Rogers by a score of 14-0 in Green Hill, Ala.

This coveted honor climaxed years of effort by the local team. The Tigers are regulars in the state playoff system but have never been crowned champions. They have made it to the final game twice during the past five years, only to be denied the ultimate win.

Tuesday afternoon the students gathered in the school gym and waited in anticipation as the cheerleaders led in several cheers, the band played a couple of tunes; then Principal Mickey McCollough turned the program over to Mr. Herman "Bubba" Scott of the Alabama Athletic Association, who was to make the

presentation.

Scott told the assembled group of students, teachers, coaches, parents and other supporters that the win was a "school effort". It takes the football team, the coaches, the cheerleaders, the teachers, student body and the fans to win a championship like this," Scott summed up his previous statement by saying it was a "community effort."

Show above with the championship trophy are Scott, Elba head coach Mack Wood and Principal Mickey McCollough.

Following the presentation to the school by Scott, Wood invited the members of the team to come forward, explaining they were the ones he wanted to have the award since it was them on the football field and not the coaching staff.

The trophy will be displayed in the school's trophy cases in the entrance to the gym. Each of the

players

will be eligible to wear an official championship ring.

age terrain.

"This should provide us with an exceptional signal for a Class A FM station," Holderfield said.

The station is currently under construction with equipment being installed by the Holderfields' son, Michael, a technical consultant and chief engineer at a Dothan station.

"We should be on the air in the next few months," Mr. Holderfield stated. "We plan to program modern country music with a limit of 12 minutes of commercials per hour, and we'll provide the area with news, weather, sports and affairs information."

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Aug. 21, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Holderfield announced that Elba Radio Company has been granted a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission to construct and operate an FM radio station in Elba.

The Class A station will operate on Channel 266 or 101.1 MHz. The studio will be located with WELB AM on N. Troy Highway, with the antenna on leased space on WKMX's tall tower near New Brockton. The antenna will be at 600 feet, making it 682 feet above aver-



The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Aug. 21, 1986

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Governor James E. Folsom

Elba remembers "Big Jim" Folsom as its native son

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When conversation turns to politics, or better yet, politicians in Elba, Ala., the name **Big Jim** comes to mind.

James E. "Big Jim" Folsom remains the only Coffee Countian to ever become governor of the state of Alabama, and Elba proudly calls him a native son.

Folsom was born Oct. 9, 1908. He was the youngest son of Joshua Marion and Eulalia Dunnivant Folsom.

He graduated from Elba High

School in 1927 and attended college at the University of Alabama before transferring to Howard College. However, his collegiate days ended early as the flood of 1929 forced Big Jim to return home to help out on the family farm.

Sometime later, Folsom joined the Merchant Marines and worked various other jobs before finding his place in Alabama's political history.

Folsom first ran for governor in 1942 but came in second with votes; four years later, the outcome was much different.

During the 1946 election, Big Jim polled 60,000 more votes than his opponent.

During his first term as governor of Alabama (1947-51), the Folsom administration accomplished many feats including: 3,165.4 miles of road were hard-surfaced; \$49,659,000 was spent on road construction; the public welfare program more than doubled with the department administering a \$35 million program and 87,592 people drawing checks in comparison to 48,916 in 1947; aided education by increasing teachers' salaries for the remainder of his life.

Texas native was a confederate soldier, Baptist minister and ditch digger by trade. He studied law and was an Elba attorney. Judge Stevens married Josephine Jordan of Elba. His death occurred on November 2. He and his wife are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

Coffee County's history includes 14 Probate Judges

BOLING W. STARKE 1862-1868

A native of Virginia and an attorney. He served in the Mexican War and came to Elba in 1861. He was Adjutant General of the 18th Alabama Infantry Regiment CSA. He was severely wounded at Shiloh and sent back to Elba. On May 24, 1862 he was elected Probate Judge and served one term. He later moved to Troy where he died in 1901.

JAMES CLAXTON 1851-1856

He was one of five commissioners appointed to select a county seat. Judge Claxton was the only judge to serve in both the Wellborn and Elba courthouses. An Elba City street is named in his honor. His Elba property was sold in 1860 and no further record of his death or leaving the county is known.

PIERRE DARCY COSTELLO 1856-1862

Born in Dublin, Ireland, he came to New York with his parents. He served in the Mexican War and came to Alabama. He was appointed Probate Judge of Conecuh County, serving 1849-1850. He came to Elba after studying law, but was never a practicing attorney. In 1855 he married Cardelia Lee of Elba and they had several children, none of whom lived to maturity. Judge Costello organized Co. K 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment CSA. While Probate Judge he went to war and was severely wounded, and died, in the Battle of Murfreesboro on January 1, 1863 and was buried on the battlefield. A monument in his memory is in the Shiloh Cemetery near Elba.

DANIEL GILLIS 1874-1878

Severed in the Confederate Army and was wounded in the right knee at Gettysburg which caused a wooden leg to be used. He lived at Clantonville when elected but soon moved to Elba. He is the only Probate Judge in Coffee County history to die in office. He died on May 7, 1878 and he is buried in the Springhill Cemetery in Pike County, Alabama.

SAMUEL N. ROWE 1904-1923

Was elected Probate Judge in 1878 and was re-elected twice more, serving 18 years in office. He was in the General Mercantile business in Elba until he became Probate Judge. His death occurred in 1925, two years after leaving office.

JEFFERSON ALBERT 1878-1892

He was appointed Probate Judge by Gov. George Houston after Judge Gillis' death. He was elected in 1880 and 1886. The

CARNLEY 1923-1941

This Coffee native had many interests. He was a school teacher; twice elected Superintendent of Education in Elba; earned a law degree from the University of Alabama in 1904; three times elected to the State Legislature from Coffee County; and earned three terms as Probate Judge of Coffee County. He died at age 81 in 1954, and his wife Mary Oliver Ray are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

JOHN W. BROCK 1941-1947

Born March 11, 1893 in New Brockton, Alabama he was a son of Hugh and Leva Watson Brock. They owned the first residence and are considered to be the founders of New Brockton. Judge Brock was elected Probate Judge in 1941 and served one term after serving as Circuit Clerk for one term. He was cashier and a director of Elba Exchange Bank before his political career. He married Lillie Jones of New Brockton where Judge and Mrs. Brock are buried.

MARION BAILEY BRUNSON 1983-1995

Was elected on January 17, 1983, as the thirteenth Probate Judge of Coffee County. He had retired after serving 31 years in education as a high school and elementary school principal. He married Nancy Elizabeth Cowart of Troy and they have two sons, Marion Bailey Brunson Jr. and Charles Matthew Brunson. Since retirement in 1995, Marion and Nancy make their home on Brinson Hill in Elba, Alabama.

JAMES OSCAR ENGLISH 1947-1971

Born at Damascus and married Clyde Kimmy of Elba where they made their home. He was a school teacher; worked for the ACL Railroad; was in the General Mercantile business in Elba for many years. He served on the Coffee County Board of

WILLIAM O. GAMMILL 1995-PRESENT

After a successful military career he was elected Probate

Judge of Coffee County in 1995

and is the present Judge. He married Cathy Kelsow of Enterprise where they make their home and have three children.

Through the Years: A collection of photos submitted for publication

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Elba Marching Tiger Band at Homecoming Parade in early 80s



FFA group from Mulberry School



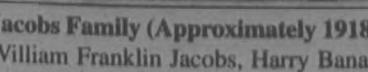
Sherry (Kelle) Misnerdino in 1983 Homecoming Parade



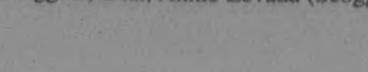
Mrs. Martin's first grade class in 1953 Homecoming Parade



Mary Alice (Kelle) Crowell seated on a 1954 Chevy at the old Elba High School



Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie L. Jacobs and family in 1950s



Jacobs Family (Approximately 1918) Front Row - Vallie Martin Jacobs, William Franklin Jacobs, Harry Banard Jacobs; Back Row - Jessie Mae (Scoggins) Dial, Annie Levada (Scoggins) Bailey and Bonnie L. Jacobs



Jacobs Boys in early 1900s - Vallie, Harry, Bonnie and William F. Jacobs



Owen Family (Early 1900s) Seated - Josephine Ora Lee (Owen), married Frank Lunsford; Ruth Ann Owen; Mamie Jerusha (Owen), married William Franklin Jacobs; Martha L. (Wright) Owen; Unknown; George W. Owen; Standing - Ernest Linwood Owen, married Lila Parker; (child) Era L. Lunsford; William Theophales W.T. (Jack) Owen (right of child)

Elba's Brunson Reunion recognized as oldest county tradition

Submitted by
Judge Marion B. Brunson, Sr.

The oldest tradition in Coffee County is the Brunson Reunion which celebrated its Sesquicentennial this year. This legacy began in 1853 when Matthew Brunson and his wife, Sarah Blanchard, moved their family here; he drew three land lots into twelve year old Coffee County. Their children were: Josiah Pinckney, Matthew II, Silas, Eugene, John, Anna - who died without issue - and Sarah "Sally" who married La Fayette Morgan.

This historic Brunson Reunion began in 1853, the year that Elba was incorporated and the Elba United Methodist Church was assigned its first pastor. A century and a half later all three of these continue their activities here in Elba and these are the three celebrating their Sesquicentennial Anniversaries this year.

Matriarch, Sarah Blanchard



Brunson was the first hostess for the reunion which continues to her birthday celebration for her husband, Patriarch Matthew Brunson. After Matthew died in 1877, their son, Matthew II and his wife, Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, assumed sponsorship of the Reunion where it continued to be held until 1898 when Arthur Brunson assumed sponsorship with his wives, Victoria DuBose and Zelma Rowe.

When Arthur Brunson moved his family to Elba in 1918, the Reunion came with him and continued to be sponsored by him until his death in 1935. Arthur's first cousin, Will Brunson and his wife, Anna Rushing assumed sponsorship and the Reunion was held at the Brunson Hotel until his death. Ben Brunson and his wife, Lena Hammond and daughter, Teresa assumed leadership until their death in 1951. He developed a picnic area behind Evergreen Cemetery for the Reunion to be held.

This page features pictures from the Sesquicentennial reunion of the Brunson family.

Fox Brunson and his wife Mary Bailey and their son, Marion Brunson assumed sponsorship and developed a picnic area on the family farm here in Elba where it has been held for more than half a century, from 1951 until 2003.

After Fox died in 1977, Marion and his wife, Nancy Cowart and their two sons, Bailey and Matt, have sponsored and celebrated Matthew Brunson's birthday each April.

A new Reunion shelter was built in 2002 at the family picnic area where it has been held since 1951. Matt Brunson designed and built the new facility.

For one hundred fifty years this tradition has been held, never canceled or postponed. The 2003 Reunion was attended by more than 500 from ten states as this historic family celebrated their Sesquicentennial.

This page features pictures from the Sesquicentennial reunion of the Brunson family.



From the headlines of The Elba Clipper...

Elba City Pool Draws Big Crowd Daily



The Elba Clipper
June 7, 1973

The Elba City Pool draws 75-100 people each day to swim and play in its cold waters. From toddlers to high schoolers and adults, there's room for all. But, as the sign says "Adults must stay with children under 7." The pool is open from 11:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed on Monday and Friday at 3:30 for cleaning); 12:00 Noon til 5 p.m. on Sundays. Cost is \$0.25 under 16 years of age and \$0.35 over 16. Drinks, cookies, candy etc. are available for refreshments.

Roland Powell is in charge of the pool; his daughter, Susan, serves as lifeguard. Swimming lessons will begin Tuesday, June 12, for children in grades 1, 2, and 3 of the 1972-73 school year. One class is set for 5-6 p.m.; the next class from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents may register their children at the pool any time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Elba City Pool is part of the Elba Recreation Program. Alvin Cordell, director.

**Thanks for
ALL the
Memories
Through Our
Years!!**

The award received by Vivian Harper received much well-deserved attention



The Elba Clipper - Thursday, May 8, 1997 - NINETY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG...Whitman Drug was a busy place last Friday afternoon as friend after friend dropped by to wish Dr. John Kimmey a happy birthday. He was 94-years-old. Several of the ladies had cooked cakes and there was plenty of coffee and soft drinks for all. Although Dr. Kimmey can't see as well as he used to, he still gets around pretty good for a senior citizen. During his years of practice, Doc delivered hundreds of babies in Elba and Coffee County. A good time was had by all with Dr. Kimmey enjoying the celebration most of all. He loves people.

Seven year old credited with saving mother's life

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996

Seven year old Marie Boswell is credited with saving her mother's life last week.

Jackie Bundy reports she was in a Dothan restaurant with her daughter on Monday, Nov. 4,

When she began choking over a piece of meat lodged on her throat, Marie recognized the symptoms and immediately began actions to dislodge the food.

Her actions are credited with saving her mother's life or at least the fast reaction prevented her mother from having to spend a long tour in intensive care at the hospital.

Her mother credits the knowledge of what to do in the emergency to their regular watching of the television show Rescue 911.

Snow
Snow came to our town,
It started with sleet, then snow
came down;
Pictures were taken, and games
were played,
Soon all of town was half
unmade;
Snowmen were built with great
success,
But then it started melting, and
oh! What a mess!

by Lynn Whitehurst
Elba, AL
Age 12



Elba's new school complex taking shape

The Elba Clipper
Thursday, May 30, 1991

Progress on the new school complex, as shown in this aerial photograph, had moved along slightly ahead of schedule, until recent rains halted work on the high school foundation pad.

However, contractors continue to show more progress on the elementary school in spite of muddy conditions. The northwest wing of the elementary school (grades 4, 5 and 6) now has a roof on it, and work is being done inside the classrooms. The southeast wing of the elementary school (grades 1, 2 and 3) has slab poured and 75% of the walls are standing. The center area of the elementary school which houses administrative office, media center, commons area (cafeteria), gym and kindergarten is showing its shape with metal columns and trusses

now in place. If weather permits, the basic structure of the total elementary school should be in place by mid-summer.

The high school structure should begin to take shape soon. Grading will be completed in a few days, depending on weather conditions. Pouring of retaining walls for the gym area has been completed and other foundation work is planned in the near future again as weather permits. Grading work for the practice fields and parking lots should be finished by the end of this week.

Even though the recent rains have slowed construction considerably, excitement continues to grow as the project takes shape. Several weeks of decent weather could put construction back on schedule and school officials still hope construction will be finished by the beginning of the 1992-1993 school year.



NEW SCHOOL construction continues to move forward in spite of the rainy weather. Above is an aerial view of the elementary school looking Southwest. The Highway 84 entrance to the complex will be from the upper left of the photo.



The Elba Clipper - Thursday, October 12, 1995 - EVERYBODY PITCHES IN DURING CLEAN UP...even Miss Elba Indya Lawless. She was caught unaware by the photographer as she struggled with a limb that was larger than her. This was typical as everyone worked to clean up the fallen debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Opal.

Do You Remember When...

The Elba Jaycees sponsored a Haunted House for Halloween each year?



The Elba Clipper - Thursday, July 29, 1999 - FINAL SCENE FILMED...It just wouldn't be a Hollywood production without the climax! In the scene captured above, police officers and other emergency personnel unload boxes of bottled water that were trucked in by Miller Brewing after the flood of 1990. To recreate a downpour of rain during stormy weather, RSA Productions used green screen effects equipment and rain towers. "folks" of Elba. The production company spent most of last week in various locations of Elba trying to capture the feeling of the destructive flood and the recovery efforts that followed. When completed, the commercials will be used by Philip Morris USA, the owner of Miller Brewing. Philip Morris Tobacco and Kraft. Elba after the 1990 disaster, will be sued for some advertising, as well as, documentation for the company's shareholders and employees.

Elba students "play" tribute to city's 150 years of history

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The "Celebrate Elba 150" events concluded Sunday evening, Oct. 12, with a service at the Elba High School auditorium. The two-part event began with a community-wide church service in which local pastors led the crowd in song and worship.

Celebrate Elba 150 committee members said they felt it was important to end the yearlong celebration in the same manner it began by focusing on the community's strong religious background.

Following this service, citizens were treated to a special presentation as several Elba City School students performed the "History of Elba" play.

The play was written by ninth grade advanced English students and revolved around one of the city's most famous characters...Uncle Charlie Porter.

History reveals that Charlie Porter was born into slavery but became free and lived the remainder of his life in a shack outside Elba. Porter was famous for carrying his croker sack around town and was an "expert" on the happenings of Elba and its people. At the time of his death, Uncle Charlie was believed to be 120 years-old.

The "History of Elba" play focused on Uncle Charlie's character revealing important Elba events to interested listeners.

The remembrance of Elba's past began with a look at the burning

of the county courthouse by raiders, and also focused a bit on slavery.

Another famous Elbian discussed her unusual marriage as the play also featured the character of Alberta Martin, the oldest living Confederate widow, explaining why a young girl would marry a man in his 80s all those many years ago. According to Martin's character it was more a marriage of convenience than anything else. Yet today, it has made Martin one of Elba's most famous citizens.

Next, the play explained how Elba became Elba as students reenacted the hat drawing in which the name Elba was drawn.

Another character mentioned in the play was Governor Jim Folsom, who was born and raised in Elba. However, the most compelling character to visit Uncle Charlie during the play was without a doubt Jimmy Foley.

There is probably no Elba citizen, past or present, who does not remember this special person who

loved his hometown dearly. Of course, Jimmy's most recognizable position each year came during the holiday season when he would be responsible for turning on the Christmas lights around town.

Finally, no play focusing on Elba's history would be complete without mentioning the floods. The students discussed these natural disasters which have tested the people of Elba over and over again; however, they also reminded everyone that "tough times don't last, but tough people do."

The play ended with a few remarks that suit the city and people very well. "Elba is 150-years-old and still going strong...What other town could offer such a vast array of influential citizens."

We Salute
the Students on
J.D. Will Ione!!!



The most touching part of the play was the remembrance of Elba's beloved Jimmy Foley. Jimmy is most remembered for always turning on the Christmas lights around town during the holiday season.



The cast of The History of Elba Play



Hats off to everyone who helped make Elba's Sesquicentennial Celebration possible

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When the "Celebrate Elba 150" events began back in April, it seemed like forever before we would reach the conclusion. Now, that time has come and gone, and we're left looking back in reflection.

It was a year filled with events planned not only to help everyone remember Elba's rich history, but also to have a bit of fun while remembering.

From the Fun Run/Walk and Youth Fishing Tournament to the George Jones Concert and Sesquicentennial Ball, citizens were offered an array of events to keep things happening in Elba.

Of course, a celebration of Elba's history would not have

been complete if the rain had not visited a time or two throughout the year. After all, Elba is famous for dealing with the effects of rain.

The "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival was the most effected by the rain; however, Elba folks have proven time and time again that it is more than a little rain to keep us down. So, the rain coats went on and the umbrellas opened up as everyone made the best of the situation!

On a side note, I personally believe the planning committee made an excellent move when they chose to hold the "History of Elba" play as the last event. It was by far my favorite event from the year.

For those who were unable to attend, the play was written and performed by Elba City School students, and each and every student should be commended.

Unfortunately, there are still many, many important events missing from our collection, but we hope the ones we will jog someone's memory of former events and bring a smile to their face.

As for me, it has been an honor to work on this paper. I have always been proud to call Elba my home, and researching the past for the edition of the newspaper has only helped my admiration for the city and its people to grow.

One day someone will look back on the present day here in Elba, and I only hope they will be as proud of our accomplishments as we are of the ones before us.

Congratulations Elba, and may we have 150 more years as successful as the past 150 years have been!!!!

Congratulations, Elba on 150 Years of History

Filled with Wonderful Memories, Tradition
and Excellence!!!!!!

We hope you've enjoyed this Sesquicentennial Edition

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Elba Criminal Jury term of court held

A criminal jury term of court was held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba recently with all three Circuit Judges (i.e., Judge Thomas E. Head III, Judge Steven Blair and Judge Bill Barr) present for the purpose of bringing the cases to resolution.

District Attorney Gary L. McAliley, who serves the Twelfth Circuit as its chief law enforcement officer, said he was very satisfied with so many felony cases were resolved during the Elba criminal jury term of court.

"He praised "...local law enforcement officers for their hard work and professional excellence in bringing so many criminals to justice."

Those cases resolved are as follows:

• Tony Terrell Burks was declared guilty of attempted burglary in the third degree and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. He was ordered to complete a substance abuse program as recommended by the court referral officer. His sentence was suspended, and he was placed on two years probation.

• Paul David Carr was declared guilty of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three years of said sentence before being released on three years probation. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100 and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Charles Edward Jones was

sentenced by Judge Barr to three months in the Coffee County Jail.

• Jerry Edward Rollin was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. He was ordered to complete a substance abuse program as recommended by the court referral officer. His sentence was suspended, and he was placed on one year probation.

• Rebecca Lynn Awell was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. Her sentence was suspended, and she was placed on one year probation.

• Jeffrey Wayne Parker was

declared guilty of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced by Judge Head to 15 years in the state penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three of those years. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100.

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